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PBCOHE HISTORY



K. Leroy Irvis, the first African American to serve as Speaker of the House in any state legislature in the United States since Reconstruction, was an individual who cared. Committed to the broader community, a statesman, scholar, humanitarian, orator, sculptor, painter and advocate for the common man and the common good, K. Leroy Irvis dedicated his life and leadership skills to the improvement of all Pennsylvanians. He worked tirelessly through the Legislative processes to better the plight of his fellow man.

In 1970, the Honorable K. Leroy Irvis, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, convened a conference of Black college presidents, vice presidents, deans, department chairs, directors, teachers, and other needed political leaders and professionals. In response to the needs of African American students, faculty, staff, and administration, this conference was created to provide needed input into the formation of a master plan for higher education. As part of the Master Plan, the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education was formed, with the mission to ensure equal education for African Americans and other minorities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The primary concern of the first conference in 1971 was the advancement of African Americans in higher education. At that first conference, community college education and its affordability and quality, developing a student loan program, and establishing an organization that would have, as its primary goal, the advancement of African Americans, were the issues discussed.

Today those goals have been realized. Pennsylvania now has a community college system, which is one of the best in the nation, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Education; a Higher Education Assistance Agency, which has an outstanding record in offering opportunities to those who would otherwise be financially prohibited from attending college, such as providing need-based scholarships and incentive programs; and the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education.





PENNWEST CLARION EQUITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Several current and former PBCOHE members were recently awarded the PennWest Clarion Equity Award.

The awards, recognizing faculty, staff, students and community residents for their commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, were presented at the annual PennWest Clarion Equity Dinner and Awards Ceremony held on November 11th.

Receiving the awards were Jarrett Boxley, Assistant Director of Admissions and NAACP Representative; Dr Joseph Croskey, Chair of PennWest Department of Student Achievement and Success and Director of the State System's Frederick Douglass Institute; and Rogers Laugand III, Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Support.



JARRETT BOXLEY
SPECIAL EQUITY AWARD



DR. JOSEPH CROSKEY
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER AWARD



ROGERS LAUGAND III
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD



ROBERT AND DOLORES LYNCH

The new Robert and Dolores Lynch Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) at Lock Haven, a Commonwealth University, opened in September 2022. The center honors the legacy of Dr. and Mrs. Lynch and their dedication to the university and their positive impact on Lock Haven University and the surrounding community.

The MRC is designed to foster healthy relationships and community on campus by focusing on student success, leadership, and engagement. It is open to all students and will serve

as an inclusive place where students can feel welcome, safe, and respected. In addition, a wealth of programming will be created to introduce students to different cultures, ethnicities, and religions.

The annual Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute (SLDI) is named in his honor for his successful and accomplished history as an advocate and champion for the promotion and advancement of African-American student leaders. Dr. Lynch served as PBCOHE President from 1985-1990 and, in 2002, the Robert D. Lynch SLDI Scholarship was established in his honor.





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DR. GEORGE AGBANGO

Parliamentarian/International Education Chair

In December, Dr. George Agbango, PBCOHE Parliamentarian and International Education Chair, was awarded the Intelligentsia, Pillar of Kusaug Award at the 35th Annual Kusaug Samanpiid Festival held in the Kusaug Traditional Area in the Upper East Region of Ghana.

The award was given in recognition and appreciation of Dr. Agbango's tenacious dedication toward Kusaug "independence," Chieftaincy, Customary norms and values and his commitment and contributions toward projects related to education, health and women empowerment.

BARBARA A. THOMPSON

SLDI Advisor

Mrs. Barbara A. Thompson, SLDI Advisor, was recently awarded the Central PA MLK Day of Service Drum Major Award for Social Justice. The award, in recognition of her contributions to social justice and equal rights, was presented at the Central PA MLK Day of Service held in Harrisburg on January 16th.

Mrs. Thompson has a long history of involvement in social justice and equal rights, speaking at many Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations and even had an active role in the civil rights movement, where she participated in the 1963 civil rights protests in Birmingham, Alabama and marched with Dr. King as a tenth grader.



Mrs. Thompson retired from Penn State Harrisburg in 2017 as the Director of Multicultural Recruitment and Community Affairs. She is a PBCOHE Emeritus Member and currently serves on the Executive Council as SLDI Advisor. She has also served as Central Region Director, Annual Conference Co-Chair, and SLDI Director. Mrs. Thompson is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter, where she is a Golden Soror and served as Chapter President.



JORDAN WILLIAMS

Western Region SLDI Student Member

Ms. Jordan Williams is a senior at PennWest California, majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Marketing.

In December 2022, she created a survey to collect information on the health care experiences of black women and how they are affected by the quality of care they receive. As she works on her thesis, the responses she receives, on this important yet widely neglected topic, will provide her with valuable information and allow her to see how her peers are affected by this. The survey has received over 27 responses. You can participate [here](#).

Ms. Williams is President of CalU Women United and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Beta Chapter, a member of the Black Student Union and SAI Board of Directors and is a Peer Mentor Coordinator. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in public health with a concentration in health policy and management.





CONGRESSMAN JEFFRIES ELECTED TO LEAD HOUSE DEMOCRATS

U.S. Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) was unanimously elected by House Democrats to succeed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, making him the first Black lawmaker to lead a party in Congress.

Rep. Jeffries represents the Eighth Congressional District of New York, an area that serves parts of Brooklyn and Queens. He is currently serving his fifth term in Congress and is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and House Budget Committee and former Whip of the Congressional Black Caucus.

HBCU HAS ONLY FOUR STUDENTS

Barber-Scotia College, an HBCU located in Concord, NC, has a current enrollment of only four students — and they all attend the college online.

The college has faced declining enrollment since losing its accreditation in 2004 for awarding degrees to nearly 30 students in the adult program who, it was determined, hadn't fulfilled the proper requirements. The school currently offers three undergraduate concentrations - business entrepreneurship, renewable energy and religion - but has not awarded degrees in 18 years.

Barber-Scotia was founded in 1867 by Reverend Luke Dorland, who was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church, to prepare young African-American southern women (the daughters of former slaves) for careers as social workers and teachers. Notable alumni include Mary McLeod Bethune.



18-YEAR-OLD ELECTED MAYOR

Having just graduated from high school in May 2022, 18-year-old Jaylen Smith has been elected as the next mayor of Earle, Arkansas, a small rural town with a population of 1,831. Smith defeated Nemi Matthews Sr., the city's street and sanitation superintendent, in a runoff election, garnering 235 votes to Matthews' 185.

Mayor-Elect Smith will become the youngest Black mayor elected in the United States.

CHESTER COUNTY STUDENT EARNS PERFECT SCORE

Tennyson Nelson, a junior at Avon Grove Charter School in West Grove, PA, has done something that less than 1 percent of test takers in the country have achieved — earn a perfect ACT score of 36. It was his first time taking the test. He credits this achievement to taking practice exams and having a tutor help him prepare for the exam. He also scored 1550 on the SAT.

According to figures published in 2021, the number of students to achieve this was 4,055 out of over 1.2 million. In 2022, the national average score was 19.8. The average score for Pennsylvania students was 24.4.

After graduation, Tennyson would like to attend Rice University, Carnegie Mellon University, California Institute of Technology, MIT, or the University of Chicago to major in aerospace engineering.



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY NAMES FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT

In its nearly 400-year history, Harvard University has named Dr. Claudine Gay, the school's dean of Faculty Arts and Sciences, as its 30th president, making her the first Black person and only the second woman to hold the job.

Dr. Gay, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, joined Harvard as a professor in 2006, and succeeds Lawrence Bacow, who decided last summer to step down. She will assume her new role in July 2023.

HBCUs TO ADD MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Two more universities will soon join the list of HBCUs with medical schools. The programs will be located at Xavier University in New Orleans and Morgan State University in Baltimore, with the goal of creating a pipeline of Black doctors.

According to the *Center for Education Consumers Insights*, four HBCUs have been producing half of the Black doctors in the country since 2019: Howard University, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Meharry Medical College and Morehouse College.

Morgan State will add to those graduates with their new College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2024, with Xavier launching its program in 2025.



PENN STATE ALTOONA NAMES NEW CHANCELLOR



Dr. Ron Darbeau became the Chancellor of Penn State Altoona on January 3, 2023. He succeeds Chancellor and Dean Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, who retired at the end of 2022, after leading the Altoona campus since 2005.

Beginning his academic career in 1996, Dr. Darbeau most recently served as Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Academic Operations at Commonwealth University of PA.

A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Darbeau holds a bachelor's degree with honors in chemistry from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus, and both master's and doctoral degrees in organic chemistry from Johns Hopkins University.

DR. DANIEL WUBAH ELECTED TO AASCU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Daniel A. Wubah, President of Millersville University, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The *American Association of State Colleges and Universities* (AASCU) is a Washington, D.C.-based higher education association of nearly 400 public colleges, universities, and systems whose members share a learning- and teaching-centered culture, a historic commitment to underserved student populations, and a dedication to research and creativity that advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development.

Dr. Wubah is the only new board member from Pennsylvania and the only PASSHE leader to serve AASCU.





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9-YEAR-OLD PA STUDENT GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL

David Balogun, of Bucks County, has become the youngest graduate from Reach Cyber Charter School, completing the program in third grade.

Wise beyond his years, David said 'I wanted to do it because I had the ability to do it. So why not use those abilities for the greater good?'

David is a member of Mensa and recently received the 2022 Distinguished Student Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education. He is currently enrolled in Bucks County Community College with plans to become an astrophysicist.

LOCAL EDUCATOR NAMED TO PHILADELPHIA EAGLES ALL-PRO TEACHER TEAM

Ashley Mansfield, an autistic support teacher at McCaskey High School in Lancaster, was recently named one of 10 educators to the Philadelphia Eagles and Nouryon All-Pro Teacher team, which honors exceptional 5th through 12th-grade teachers in the region for their commitment to education.

Ms. Mansfield credits her parents, who were lifelong educators, for her passion of teaching, and the education she received at Millersville University, for preparing her for the demands of her career choice. A 2014 alumni and current graduate student at Millersville, she will graduate with a master's degree in sports administration in May.

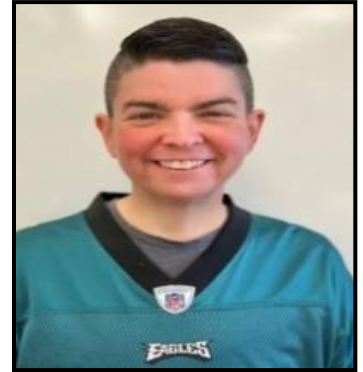


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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES GO TO SUPERBOWL LVII



Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles on their NFC Championship win against the San Francisco 49ers and advancement to Super Bowl LVII, their fourth Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. The Eagles, however, lost to the Kansas City Chiefs, 38-35, by a field goal with 8 seconds remaining.

More than 67,000 fans filled State Farm Stadium in Glendale, AZ, with an estimated 116 million more tuning in on their tv sets, and saw history being made as Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes became the first two Black quarterbacks to face each other in a Super Bowl, as well as Philadelphia's Jason Kelce and Kansas City's Travis Kelce becoming the first brothers to play against each other in a Super Bowl.

Fans were treated to performances by Rihanna, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Babyface, and a soulful and moving rendition of The National Anthem, performed by 8-time Grammy award-winning country music singer Chris Stapleton. And for the first time ever, the military aircraft flying over the game were piloted by all women, to commemorate 50 years of women in the Navy.

LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACT

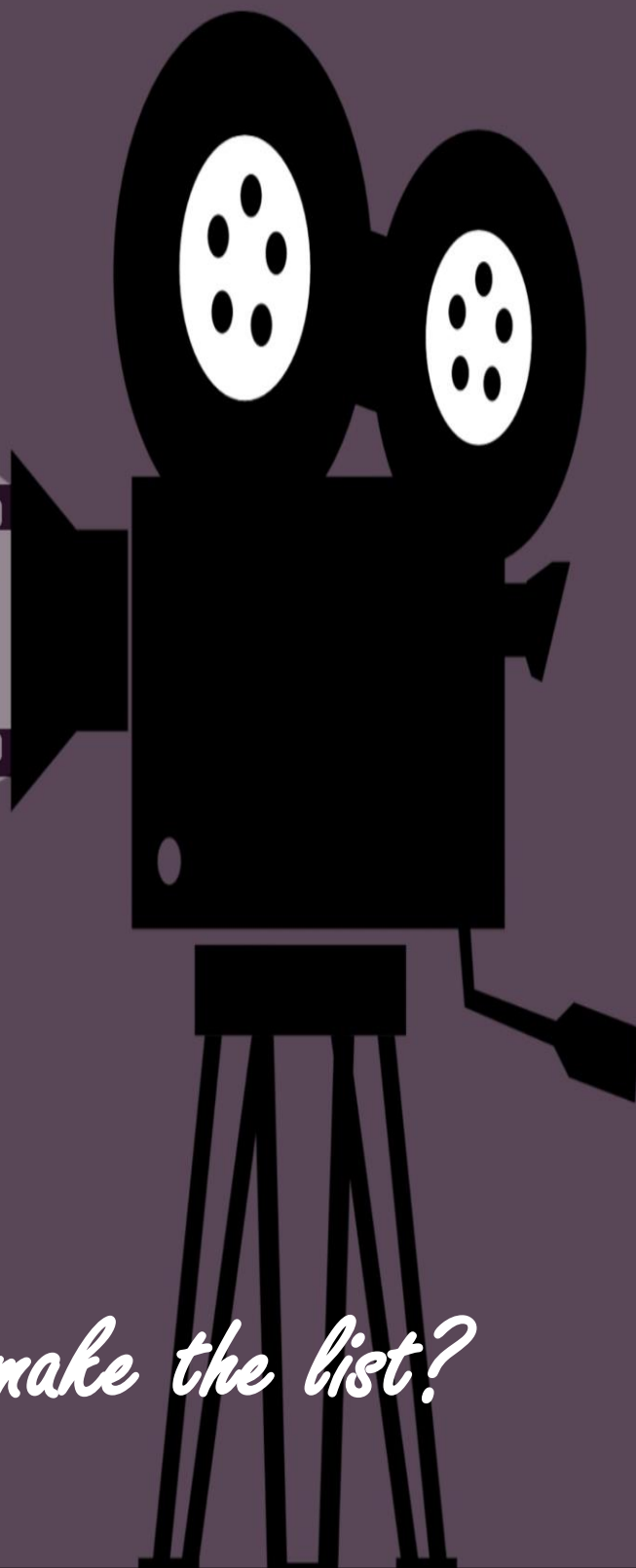


Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on friend Maya Angelou's birthday, on April 4, 1968. Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday for years afterward, and sent flowers to King's widow, Coretta Scott King, for more than 30 years, until Coretta's death in 2006.

Top 25 Black Movies Of All Time

(according to BET)

1. MALCOLM X
2. THE SPOOK WHO SAT BY THE DOOR
3. SHAFT
4. COMING TO AMERICA
5. DREAMGIRLS
6. DO THE RIGHT THING
7. MENACE II SOCIETY
8. GLORY
9. THE COLOR PURPLE
10. GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER
11. COOLEY HIGH
12. THE BEST MAN
13. ALI
14. LOVE & BASKETBALL
15. A SOLDIER'S STORY
16. BOOMERANG
17. LEAN ON ME
18. THE FIVE HEARTBEATS
19. LOVE JONES
20. JUNGLE FEVER
21. COTTON COMES TO HARLEM
22. RAGE IN HARLEM
23. HARLEM NIGHTS
24. THE WIZ
25. WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT



Did your favorites make the list?

BLACK MOVIE TRIVIA

(Answers found on page 11)

1) Which girl was kicked out of The Dreams in *Dreamgirls*?

- A. Deena
- B. Lorrell
- C. Effie

2) What was Mookie's job in *Do The Right Thing*?

- A. Pizza Delivery Boy
- B. Taxi Driver
- C. Pool Cleaning

3) Quincy's father from *Love & Basketball* played for which NBA team?

- A. New York Knicks
- B. Los Angeles Clippers
- C. Chicago Bulls

4) In *Get Out*, what was the name of the otherworld state black people were trapped in when their bodies are taken over?

- A. The Infinite Place
- B. The Sunken Place
- C. The Broken Place

5) At the end of *The Best Man*, Harper proposes to whom?

- A. Mia
- B. Jordan
- C. Robyn

6) In *Moonlight*, what was Chiron's nickname when he was a child?

- A. Little
- B. Chi
- C. Buddy

7) Where were Lucky and Justice taking a road trip to in *Poetic Justice*?

- A. San Diego
- B. Oakland
- C. Chicago

8) Who played the character Cleo in *Set It Off*?

- A. Queen Latifah
- B. Jada Pinkett-Smith
- C. Vivica A. Fox

9) The phrase "Bye Felicia" came from which movie?

- A. Waiting to Exhale
- B. Friday
- C. Crooklyn

10) What's Squeak's real name in *The Color Purple*?

- A. Celie
- B. Mary Agnes
- C. Mary Alice



March

3/2/23

All Things Equal: The Life And Times Of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Millersville University of PA, The Ware Center, Steinman Hall, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster

Show time: 7:30pm – Doors open at 7:00pm

Admission fee: Adults \$25 - Students (except MU students) \$17 - MU students FREE

An evening with a great and compassionate icon of straight-thinking American justice emerges an RBG who is not only “notorious” but victorious as she takes a stand for ordinary people facing the many challenges of a changing world.

For more information and to purchase/reserve tickets visit <https://artsmu.com/event/all-things-equal-the-life-and-times-of-ruth-bader-ginsburg/the-ware-center/>

3/2/23 – 3/26/23

The Wiz

Fulton Theatre, 12 North Prince Street, Lancaster

Show times/prices: Check website for costs and performance times

Come on and Ease on Down the Road with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion - with a 1970's funkadelic twist.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit https://thefulton.org/shows/the-wiz/?fbclid=IwAR3BX_f9aq65-WI9btnmNY9IDuVV885nAiqQdU9cpGLItUB5_vJMCxE5OQ

3/3/23

Keisha Finnie – Brown Skin Girl: The Evolution

Millersville University of PA, The Ware Center, Regitz Gallery, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Opening Reception)

Admission is free and open to the public

Exhibit runs from March 3 – 31. Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (Building hours)

“Inspired by living and experiencing my life as the world sees me, a black woman. Highlighting the strength, confidence, and beauty of black women that isn’t common in the history of art or the world. We are constantly evolving, and this series reflects that since it was born in 2019.” – Keisha Finnie

For more information visit <https://artsmu.com/event/keisha-finnie-brown-skin-girl-the-evolution-regitz-gallery/the-ware-center/>

3/3/23

We The People First Fridays: Thunda N Mimosas: This One's For The Girls

Millersville University of PA, The Ware Center, Steinman Hall, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster

Time: 6:30pm

Admission is free and open to the public

Poetry Showcase and Open Mic presented by Thunda Khatt, with light refreshments by 2 Board Girls.

For more information visit <https://artsmu.com/event/we-the-people-first-fridays-presents-thunda-n-mimosas-this-ones-for-the-girls-free/the-ware-center/>

3/6/23

March Madness Comedy Explosion

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, Sunoco Performance Theater, 222 Market Street, Harrisburg

Show time: 8:00pm – Doors open at 7:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$35

Come enjoy a night of comedy featuring Alex Thomas, Chris Thomas, Talent, Marcus Levar and Stiletto.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.whitakercenter.org/events/detail/march-madness-comedy-explosion>

3/9/23

The Kingdom Choir

Kutztown University of PA, Shaeffer Auditorium, 15200 Kutztown Road, Kutztown

Show time: 7:30pm

Admission fee: \$38; Seniors, KU Faculty and Staff - \$32; KU Students - \$10

London's The Kingdom Choir first attracted the world's attention when they performed their show-stopping performance of Stand By Me in front of a world-wide television audience of over two billion at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May 2018.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.kutztown.edu/about-ku/administrative-offices/ku-presents/2022-2023-season/kingdom-choir.html>

3/14/23

Warrior Women

Millersville University of PA, The Ware Center, Steinman Hall, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster

Show time: 6:00pm [Panel Discussion at 6:15pm | Screening at 7:00pm | Post-show Q&A with Dr. Wilson]

Admission is free and open to the public

Warrior Women is the story of Madonna Thunder Hawk, who shaped a kindred group of activists' children – including her daughter Marcy – into the "We Will Remember" Survival School as a Native alternative to government-run education. The film explores what it means to balance a movement with motherhood and how activist legacies are passed down from generation to generation in the face of a government that has continually met Native resistance with mass violence.

For more information and to reserve free tickets visit <https://artsmu.com/event/on-screen-in-person-film-series-warrior-women/the-ware-center/>

3/16/23 – 3/19/23

Jill Scott: Who is Jill Scott? Tour 2023

The Met, 858 North Broad Street, Philadelphia

Show time: 8:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$79.50

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://themetphilly.com/event/jill-scott-2/>

3/22/23

George Willborn “The Stress Reliever”

City Winery Philadelphia, Main Stage, 990 Filbert Street, Philadelphia

Show time: 7:30pm – Doors open at 6:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$25

For more information and to purchase tickets visit

https://citywinery.com/philadelphia/Online/default.asp?BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=PHI-george-willborn-3-22-23-730pm&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::context_id=

3/23/23 – 3/24/23

53rd Annual PA Black Conference on Higher Education

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

This year's theme, "The Quest Continues: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education" will explore critical issues of how diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and activities within our campuses affects students, staff and faculty across our communities. Keynote Speaker is Mr. Chad Lassiter, Executive Director, PA Human Relations Commission.

For registration fees and information visit <http://www.pbcohe.org/2023-annual-conference.html>

To register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-pbcohe-annual-conference-tickets-526862679457>

3/25/23

My Sister's Keeper Brunch

Marker Market at Rockvale, 35 South Willowdale Drive, Lancaster

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Admission fee: Early Bird \$20, General Admission \$25

Sponsored by the African American Cultural Alliance of Lancaster, My Sister's Keeper Empowerment Brunch is filled with self-love, women excellence, joy and a celebration of #GirlMagic, honoring the contributions of extraordinary Black women in social, political, civil rights and business arenas. The event will feature a silent auction, door prizes, and women only vendor marketplace.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.aacal.org/event-details/my-sisters-keeper-brunch>

3/30/23

TRUTHSayers Speakers Series: Nikki Giovanni

August Wilson African American Cultural Center, 980 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh

Show time: 7:30pm

Admission fee: \$40

This series is an ongoing program bringing today's preeminent speakers and artists to the Center to reflect on current events and share unique and thought-provoking material in hopes of inspiring racial awareness and understanding between people.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://awaacc.org/event/truthsayers-speaker-series-nikki-giovanni/>

3/31/23

An Evening with Howard Hewett

City Winery Philadelphia, Main Stage, 990 Filbert Street, Philadelphia

Show time: 6:00pm – Doors open at 5:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$45

For more information and to purchase tickets visit

https://citywinery.com/philadelphia/Online/default.asp?BOParam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=PHI-howard-hewett-3-31-23-6pm&BOParam::WScontent::loadArticle::context_id=

March - April

3/23/23 – 4/16/23

August Wilson's Radio Golf

Arden Theatre Co., F. Otto Haas Stage, 40 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia

Show times/prices: Check website for costs and performance times

This is last chapter of August Wilson's monumental ten-part series, The American Century Cycle. Set in Pittsburgh in the late 1990s, it's the story of a successful entrepreneur who aspires to become the city's first Black mayor. But when the past begins to catch up with him, secrets get revealed that could be his undoing.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://ardentheatre.org/production/radio-golf/>

3/24/23 – 4/2/23

Boscov's Berks Jazz Fest

Multiple indoor venues in the greater Reading area

Show times/prices: Check website for venue performances times and costs

Come and enjoy over 130 free and ticketed musical events spanning the entire spectrum of Jazz, Blues, Funk, Soul, R&B, performed by world-renowned, local and regional jazz musicians.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.berksjazzfest.com/>

Answers
Black Movie Trivia
1 - C; 2 - A; 3 - B; 4 - B; 5 - C; 6 - A; 7 - B; 8 - A; 9 - B; 10 - B
Women's History
1 - Allyson Felix; 2 - Amanda Gorman; 3 - Malala Yousafzai; 4 -
Tarana Burke; 5 - Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson; 6 - Shonda
Rhimes; 7 - Melinda Gates; 8 - Naomi Osaka; 9 - Daisy Bridges;
10 - Misty Copeland; 11 - Quinta Brunson; 12 - Greta Thunberg



April

4/4/23 – 4/9/23

Tina – The Tina Turner Musical

Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, 237 7th Street, Pittsburgh

Show times/prices: Check website for costs and performance times

The inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://trustarts.org/production/81544/tina-the-tina-turner-musical>

4/8/23

Ashanti

Appell Center for the Performing Arts, Strand Theatre, 50 North George Street, York

Show time: 7:30pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$49

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://appellcenter.org/show/ashanti>

4/13/23

2022-23 Lecture Series: Ware Lecture - Valerie Jarrett

Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, Elizabethtown College, 1 Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown

Time: 7:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public – Ticket reservations are required

Valerie Jarrett is Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of the Barack Obama Foundation, Board Chairman of Civic Nation, Co-Chair of The United State of Women, and is a One Million Black Women Advisory Board Member.

For more information and to reserve your free tickets visit <https://www.etown.edu/offices/president/lecture-series.aspx#jarrett>

4/15/23

Excellence in Progress Drive-In Conference

Indiana University of PA, Eberly College of Business, 664 Pratt Drive, Indiana

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Admission is free for IUP students; \$10 non-IUP students

Hosted by UBORA Men of IUP, the Excellence in Progress Drive-In Conference is designed to empower, educate, and motivate Black and Brown male college students. Attendees will hear dynamic speakers, engage in network opportunities, and network with a diverse group of male college students.

For more information contact Dr. Malaika Turner, mmturn@iup.edu, 724-357-2220

4/25/23

An Evening with Van Jones

Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster

Show time: 7:30pm

Admission fee: General \$35, VIP \$75

VIP Tickets include access to a pre-conversation reception starting at 5:30pm and priority seating during the Community Conversation.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-van-jones-tickets-372919992737>

April - May

4/10/23 – 5/8/23

Traveling While Black Virtual Reality Exhibit

Shippensburg University of PA, Ceddia Union Building, 408 Lancaster Drive, Shippensburg

Exhibit times: Check website for exhibit days and times

Admission is free and open to the public – Ticket reservations are required – meet at Luhrs Center

Traveling While Black is a film that transports viewers to historic Ben's Chili Bowl restaurant in Washington, D.C. to share an intimate series of moments with several of Ben's patrons as they reflect on their experiences of restricted movement and race relations in the United States.

For more information and to reserve your free tickets visit <https://luhrscenter.com/event/traveling-while-black-vr-exhibit/>

May

5/13/23

Kountry Wayne: Help Is On The Way Comedy Tour

The Met, 858 North Broad Street, Philadelphia

Show time: 7:30pm – Doors open at 6:30pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$39

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://themetphilly.com/event/kountry-wayne/>

5/13/23

Lizzo: The Special 2our with Special Guest Latto

PPG Paints Arena, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Show time: 8:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$94.75

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.ppgpaintsarena.com/events/detail/lizzo>

5/18/23

Janet Jackson Together Again Tour with Special Guest Ludacris

PPL Center, 701 Hamilton Street, Allentown

Show time: 8:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$49.95

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.pplcenter.com/events/detail/janet-jacksons-together-again-tour-with-special-guest-ludacris>

5/20/23

George Benson

Kimmel Cultural Campus, Academy of Music, 240 South Broad Street, Philadelphia

Show time: 8:00pm

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$49

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/events-and-tickets/202223/kcp/george-benson/>

5/26/23 – 5/27/23

Bill Bellamy

Pittsburgh Improv, 166 East Bridge Street, Homestead

Check website for performance times

Admission fee: Tickets starting at \$27

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WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA

Can you identify these 12 extraordinary women?

(Answers found on page 11)



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1. She is the most decorated woman in Olympic track and field history and the most decorated American track and field athlete in Olympic history.
2. She is a poet and activist who was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate.
3. Awarded when she was 17, she is the world's youngest Nobel Prize laureate.
4. In 2006, she started the MeToo movement.
5. She is the first African-American woman Supreme Court Justice, nominated by President Joe Biden in 2022.
6. She is an award-winning writer and producer who created the television shows *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal*, and *Bridgerton*.
7. She is a philanthropist and former multimedia product developer and manager at Microsoft, who has consistently been ranked by Forbes as one of the world's most powerful women.
8. She is a four-time Grand Slam champion and first Asian player to hold the No. 1 ranking.
9. She was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis on November 14, 1960.
10. In 2015, she became the first African-American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in the American Ballet Theatre's 75-year history.
11. She is an award-winning writer, producer and actress who created the television show *Abbott Elementary*.
12. She is a Swedish environmental activist who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation.



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Congratulations and best wishes!



PBCOHE President Rachael Banks will join the University of Pittsburgh as the Director of Undergraduate Recruitment on March 13, 2023.

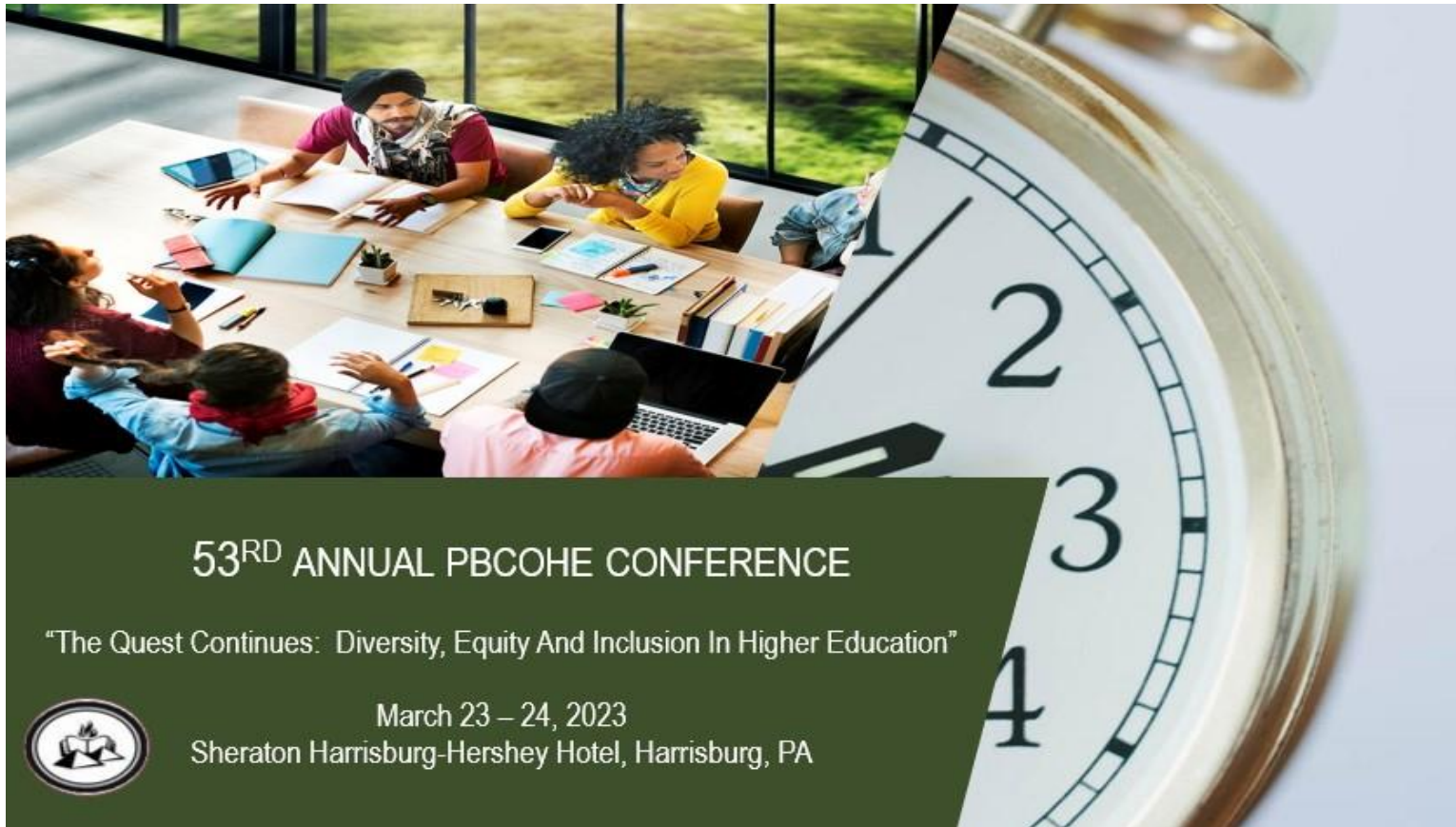
In this role, she will develop, coordinate, implement, and oversee an effective undergraduate student recruitment program committed to improving new student enrollment and retention for undergraduate students.

She leads a team of associate and assistant directors and enrollment service managers, manages recruitment strategies and supervises the implementation of recruitment programs for first-year, transfer, and international students as well as all training and evaluation of the staff who participate in recruitment and territory management for the office. She also has budgetary responsibilities that includes using data to determine future spending and create efficiencies.

She comes to Pitt with 10 years of progressively responsible experience at Penn State University, most recently serving in dual positions as the Director of Penn State Admissions – Pittsburgh and the interim Director of Admissions and Student Aid at Penn State Greater Allegheny. Rachael holds a bachelor's degree in Arabic and International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame, and a master's degree in Community and Economic Development from Penn State University.




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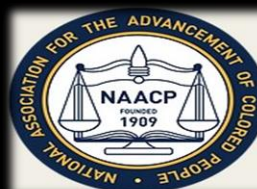
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